

# Zoroastrianism & Judaism: differences

Sono io forse Dio solo da vicino -  
dice il Signore - e non anche Dio da  
lontano?

Può forse nascondersi un uomo nei  
nascondigli senza che io lo veda? Non  
riempio io il cielo e la terra? Parola  
del Signore. Ger. 23.23-24

Isaiah 40

With whom, then, will you compare God?

To what image will you liken him?

19 As for an idol, a metalworker casts it, [redacted]  
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold  
and fashions silver chains for it. [redacted]

20 A person too poor to present such an offering  
selects wood that will not rot; [redacted]  
they look for a skilled worker [redacted]  
to set up an idol that will not topple"

25. To whom will you compare me? [redacted]

Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

*L'Eterno parla e si incontra con il Suo popolo (Pruno, Giacobbe)*

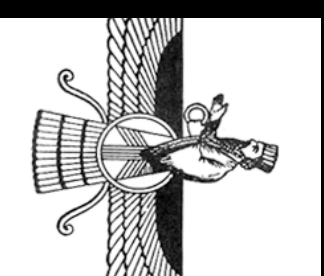
*L'Eterno dimora nel mezzo del suo popolo (la colonna di fuoco, il  
pruno, e in Cristo)*

*L'Eterno è riconoscibile attraverso Cristo*

*L'Eterno è amore (John 3.16)*

*L'Eterno è giusto (2 cor 5.21)*

*onnipotente, onnisciente, onnipotente*



*According to the tradition, there was a prophesy of Zoroaster that a  
new Messenger would come approximately every 1,000 years and  
that the third of these three Messengers would be a universal savior*

*The first would appear in the west and a star (or comet) would  
appear in the sky and representatives would follow it and be sent to  
testify and witness the birth of the savior. This savior would be born  
of a women without any man approaching her (She would be a  
virgin.)*

*A entire sect of Christianity, called the Nestorians or Chaldean  
church, reportedly was initially formed on the conversion of  
Zoroastrians in what is now Iraq, to Christianity.*

*Reportedly, the king of Armenia was a follower of Zoroastrianism or  
a closely related religion when he converted to Christianity and  
Armenia became the first Christian nation. Christianity as a threat to  
the conservative, nationalistic form of Zoroastrianism that had  
developed.*

*Zoroastrian god Ahura Mazda served as the namesake for  
Japanese automaker Mazda Motor Corporation. The company  
hoped that an association with the "God of Light" would "brighten  
the image" of their first vehicles.*

# 5 preghiere pre islamiche

| Italiano    | Arabo   | Avestico      | Medio Persiano |
|-------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
| Alba        | Fajr    | Havani        | Havan          |
| Mezzogiorno | Zohr    | Rapithwina    | Rapithwin      |
| Pomeriggio  | Asr     | Uzayeirina    | Uziren         |
| Tramonto    | Maghrib | Aivisruthrema | Aivisruthrem   |
| Notte       | 'Isha   | Ushahina      | Ushahin        |

# Zoroastrianism & Islam: comparative study

Mentioned - Koran 22.17

(Ancient pagan Iranian Religion - founder of Mazdeism)

- Zoroastrianism, or Mazdanism, is one of the world's oldest religions that remains active some areas in Iraq, Iran and India. It is a monotheistic faith (i.e. a single creator God), centered in good and evil and an eschatology predicting the ultimate destruction of evil. Principal principles and practices incorporated in Islam:

## -Zoroastrian teachings

- 5 daily prayers (wash face, hands and feet and other purity law)
- Circumambulation (tawaf) possibly practiced in Mecca before Islam
- Angels, demons and savior
- sacred text (Avesta) can be found also in Christianity, Judaism and Islam
- Ahura Mazda God of Zoroastrians
- Salvation through good deeds (the Balance)
- Judgement Day
- The bridge 'Sirat'
- The daily practice of ablution, ritual cleanliness, occurs in both religions
- Qibla/ direction of prayer

## Ahura Mazda (belief: one god) is:

- Omniscient (knows everything)
- Omnipotent (all powerful)
- Omnipresent (is everywhere)
- Impossible for humans to conceive
- Absolutely Transcend and unknowable by choice
- The Creator of life
- The Source of all goodness and happiness

## - Ahura Mazda sends his Prophet Zoroaster

Zoroaster himself is not worshipped, but through his teachings man can become close to Ahura Mazda by following the path of truth and righteousness

## Zoroaster's Vision

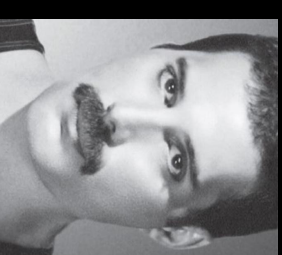
At the age of thirty, Zoroaster had a divine vision whilst bathing in a river during a pagan purification rite. On the bank of the river he saw a 'Shining Being' made of light who revealed himself as *Vohu Manah*.

Vohu Manah led Zoroaster to the presence of *Ahura Mazda* (God) and five other radiant beings, which are called the *Amesha Spentas* (Holy Immortals). This was the first of a number of visions in which Zoroaster saw Ahura Mazda and his Amesha Spentas; during each vision he asked many questions. The answers given to Zoroaster are the foundations of Zoroastrian religion.

Freddy Mercury real name was Farrok Bulsara Iranian Origins sometimes confessed his Zoroastrian faith.

Born in Tanzania.

Freddie Mercury and Zadi & Voltaire aside, there are other overt examples of Zoroastrianism's impact on contemporary popular culture in the West. Ahura Mazda served as the namesake for the Mazda car company, as well as the inspiration for the legend of Azor Ahai – a demigod who triumphs over darkness – in George RR Martin's *Game of Thrones*, as many of its fans discovered last year. As well, one could well argue that the cosmic battle between the Light and Dark sides of the Force in *Star Wars* has, quite ostensibly, Zoroastrianism written all over it.



## Bridge across hell

Then a bridge will be laid across Hell (Fire). I and my followers will be the first ones to go across it ...and the invocation of the Apostles on that Day will be, 'O Allah, save! Save! .....'

The angels will recognize them in the Fire by the marks of prostration (on their foreheads), for the Fire will eat up all the human body except the mark caused by prostration as Allah has forbidden the Fire to eat the mark of prostration. They will come out of the (Hell) Fire, completely burnt and then the water of life will be poured over them and they will grow under it as does a seed that comes in the mud of the torrent...

The Prophet added, "Then the prophets and Angels and the believers will intercede, and (last of all) the Almighty (Allah) will say, 'Now remains My Intercession. He will then hold a handful of the Fire from which He will take out some people whose bodies have been burnt, and they will be thrown into a river at the entrance of Paradise, called the water of life.'

## BRIDGE SIRAT

**So by your Lord, We will surely gather them and the devils;  
then We will bring them to be present around Hell upon their  
knees. v.19:78**

**And there is none of you except he will come to it. This is  
upon your Lord an inevitability decreed. Then We will save  
those who feared Allah and leave the wrongdoers within it, on  
their knees. S. 19.71**

# AL ARAF

Between the Blessed of Paradise and the Damned of Hell there will be a veil and on the Araf that will prevent one from seeing the other. They will tell the guests of the Garden:

*"Peace to you! "without being able to enter, even though they ardently desire it. (Sura 7:46).*

Islamic exegetes are still debating the term Araf. Classical exegesis (Tabari VIII 189-191) in it indicates the wall that divides hell from heaven. Other exegetes claim that it is the place where believers Whose works of good are equal to those of evil, they wait with confidence for Allah to decide their own fate.

# Islamic purgatory?

The Koran describes it as a horror-inducing landscape, full of fire, snakes, icy expanses of land where they live, scary dragons and scorpions. Where, however, it does not exist eternal damnation: punishment, considered "an aid to enabling men to lead a life and progress to the truth", is only temporary. Everything, in short, can be forgiven.

In this verse of the Islamic tradition Mohammed speaks of the "suspended bridge about hell."

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## DEPICTION BRIDGE SIRAT

Hadith 8.565 Narrated by Abu Said Al Khudri

Allah's Apostle said, "When the people of Paradise have entered Paradise, and the people of the Fire have entered the Fire, Allah will say. 'Take out (of the Fire) whoever has got faith equal to a mustard seed in his heart.' They will come out, and by that time they would have burnt and become like coal, and then they will be thrown into the river of Al-Hayat (life) and they will spring up just as a seed grows on the bank of a rainwater stream."

"O Allah's Apostle! What is the bridge?"

He said, "It is a slippery (bridge) on which there are clamps and (Hooks like) a thorny seed that is wide at one side and narrow at the other and has thorns with bent ends. Such a thorny seed is found in Najd and is called As- Sa'dan. Some of the believers will cross the bridge as quickly as the wink of an eye, some others as quick as lightning, a strong wind, fast horses or she-camels. So some will be safe without any harm; some will be safe after receiving some scratches, and some will fall down into Hell (Fire). The last person will cross by being dragged (over the bridge)." The Prophet said, "You (Muslims) cannot be more pressing in claiming from me a right that has been clearly proved to be yours than the believers in interceding with Almighty for their (Muslim) brothers on that Day, when they see themselves safe Bukhari 9.532A



# Islamic Eschatology

## SIRAT'S BRIDGE

Mohammed's personal  
eschatology  
regarding Allah Day of  
Judgment:

Say, "I am not something  
*original among the*  
*messengers,*  
*nor do I know what will be done*  
*with me or with you.*  
*I only follow that which is*  
*revealed to me,*  
*and I am not but a clear*  
*warner."* 46:9

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it  
were not so, I would have told you. I go to  
prepare a place for you.

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will  
come again and will take you to myself, that  
where I am you may be also. John 14.2-3

John 5:24

## Comparison of the Qur'anic Account of Issa with the Biblical Narrative of Jesus

1. Changed: Issa was a “created being”, like Adam by a command of Allah through miraculous virgin birth (not God incarnated)—Surah 3:59, Surah 19:16-33.
2. Changed: Only a prophet, and sent to the Jews only
3. Denied: Was neither the Son of God, nor was He God.
4. Added: Accepted imposed Fitrah covenant as given to Adam declaring all mankind born Muslim.
5. Added: Accepted imposed covenant to declare Muhammad as the Seal of the Prophets.
6. Added: Recipient of the “coming down” of a book, called “The Injeel” (Gospel) from the Eternal Tablet of the Qur'an.
7. Added: Given a “Shariah” (which was incomplete).
8. Denied: Was not crucified, but was “lifted” to heaven.
9. Added: Main mission: Messenger to the children of Israel (only), to prophecy the coming of Muhammad (Surah 61:6).
10. Added: On the Last Day Allah will humiliate “prophet Issa” by interrogating him as to whether he made himself and his mother out to be gods. In response, Issa will deny it and will relinquish any responsibility for his followers giving him divine status.
11. Added: Issa will say to Allah, “If you choose to punish them, do so.” By this he declares that he has no intercessory authority.

1. Totale inseparabilità tra Allah e Maometto

L'autorevole conclusione dello studioso musulmano Ibn Taymiyyah, sostenuta da numerosi riferimenti coranici, è che:

*“...Allah ha sostituito Sé stesso con Maometto in ogni questione relativa al comandare, proibire e rivelare. Non è consentita alcuna distinzione tra Allah e il suo nessuno di questi casi.”*

Ciò

In seguito elenchiamo alcuni riferimenti coranici che supportano e sostanziano ulteriormente il concetto citato. Per esempio, nella Sura 9:94, il Corano afferma che Maometto osserveranno e giudicheranno le opere delle persone. Parlando in termini islamici, le rivelazioni coraniche sono eterne. Perciò questa affermazione è valida in ogni tempo e non si limita al tempo in cui Maometto era in vita.

9:94: *“Quando ritornate da loro verranno a scusarsi. Di': 'Non scusatevi, non vi crediamo comunque. Allah ci ha informati sul vostro conto. Allah e il Suo Messaggero giudicheranno il vostro agire e poi sarete ricondotti al Conoscitore dell'Invisibile e del visibile, che allora, vi mostrerà ciò che avrete fatto.”*

9:1: *“Disapprovazione da parte di Allah e del Suo Messaggero, nei confronti di quei politeisti con i quali, nell'unità di Allah, concludeste un patto.”*

9:3: *“Ecco, da parte di Allah e del Suo Messaggero, un proclama alle genti nel giorno del Pellegrinaggio (Hasy): 'Allah e il Suo Messaggero disconoscono Annuncia (O Maometto), a coloro che non credono, un doloroso castigo.’”*

9:59: *“Se davvero fossero soddisfatti di quello che ricevono da Allah e dal Suo Messaggero, direbbero: 'Ci basta Allah! Allah ci darà della Sua grazia Messaggero...’”*

9:61: *“Tra loro ci sono quelli che alleggiano il Profeta e dicono: 'E' tutto orecchi'. Di': 'E' tutto orecchi per il vostro bene, crede in Allah e ha fiducia nei cre [testimonianza di] misericordia per coloro fra voi, che credono. Quelli che tormentano il Messaggero di Allah, avranno doloroso castigo.’”*

24:51: *“Quando i credenti sono chiamati ad Allah e al Suo Invitato affinché egli giudichi tra loro, la loro risposta è 'Ascoltiamo e obbediamo'. Essi prospereranno!”*

33:57: *“Coloro che offendono Allah e il Suo Messaggero sono maledetti da Allah in questa vita e nell'altra: [Allah] ha preparato per loro un castigo avvilente.”*

5:33: *“La ricompensa di coloro che fanno la guerra ad Allah e al Suo Messaggero e che seminano la corruzione sulla terra è che siano uccisi o crocifissi, che siano impalati o che siano impiccati o che siano esiliati sulla terra: ecco l'ignominia che li toccherà in questa vita; nell'altra vita avranno castigo immenso”*

59:7: *“Il bottino che Allah concesse al Suo Invitato, sugli abitanti delle città, appartiene ad Allah e al Suo Invitato, ai [suoi] famigliari (di Maometto), agli orfan viandante diseredato, cosicché non sia diviso tra i ricchi fra di voi. Prendete quello che il Messaggero vi dà e astenetevi da quel che vi nega e temete Allah. Il severo nel castigo.”* (Le regole per la distribuzione del bottino di guerra sono stabilite congiuntamente da Allah e Maometto).

Le seguenti due Sure indicano come a Maometto venga dato un ruolo che è riservato soltanto ad un essere avente natura divina, dandogli quindi indirettamente una posizione separata da Allah, come affermato dagli studiosi musulmani.

62:2: *“Egli è Colui che ha inviato tra gli illitterati un Messaggero della loro gente, che recita i Suoi versetti, li purifica e insegna loro il Libro e la Saggia precedenza erano in errore evidente.”*

9:1

[https://it.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibn Ismaq](https://it.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibn_Ismaq)

Nonostante la prima Sunni Islam “Sira” fu scritta qualcosa come 150 anni dopo la morte di Maometto, viene considerata dai musulmani come autorevole e autentica.

La principale Sira fu scritta da Ibn Is-haq ([https://it.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibn Ismaq](https://it.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibn_Ismaq)). Più tardi fu modificata da Ibn Hisham. Tuttavia secondo i ricercatori i due sono praticamente identici ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibn Hisham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibn_Hisham)). Più avanti gli autori della Sira aggiunsero ulteriori dettagli. Tuttavia la setta Scitta si fonda sugli scritti di Nahj Al-Balagh del decimo secolo a.C. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Nahj Al-Balagh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nahj_Al-Balagh)) che copre tra le altre, tematiche di storia, filosofia sociale, etica, retorica, poesia, letteratura, profetologia e direzione imam, ecc.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Names\\_and\\_titles\\_of\\_Muhammad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Names_and_titles_of_Muhammad)

“O ye who have believed, do not ask about things which if made plain to you will trouble you...” Surah 5:101

Thus, as confirmed in the following Surah, Allah can never ever be questioned: “He cannot be questioned as to what he does ...”(Surah 21:23)

Ma cosa ancora più importante, Adamo NON fu creato ad immagine di Dio come in Genesi 1:26, perché l'Allah del Corano è inconfondibile e in quanto “...*Niente è simile a Lui...*”, egli rimane “senza immagine”. Perciò affermare che Adamo fu creato ad immagine o somiglianza di Allah è un Kufr (blasfemia).

Nel Corano non esiste la Caduta, ovvero il “peccato originale”, quindi non c'è necessità di redenzione. Di conseguenza “...*l'uomo è stato creato debole...*” (Sura 4:28), *dimenticabile*” (Sura 20:110) e creato “... perché combatta (*n.d.e.: il Corano nella versione in inglese riporta “in fatica e in battaglia” ...*)” (Sura 90:4).

Perciò l'Islam rinnega la natura peccaminosa insita nell'uomo come conseguenza della Caduta, quindi anche il bisogno di un salvatore. L'identità dell'umanità islamica viene invece stabilita tramite la “Dottrina Fitrāh”, la quale afferma che la natura dell’“uomo” è l'Islam (Sura 30:30), in quanto si fonda su di un patto imposto da Allah nei confronti dei discendenti di Adamo (Sura 7:172). All'interno di questo patto imposto Allah estorce la promessa da Adamo e da tutti i suoi discendenti di essere musulmani, promettendo soltanto punizione per la disobbedienza. Tutti coloro che non sono musulmani automaticamente sono disobbedienti e di conseguenza, violano questo patto – ne segue l'inferiorità costitutiva di tutti i non musulmani.

# where do we find the koran in the Bible?

Finally, the Qur'an can best be described as a set of "...arguments raised up against the knowledge of God..." (2 Cor. 10:5)—meaning, arguments against the "knowability" of God.

great damage has been and is being done to Christian missions by relying on apparent commonalities and related missiological methodologies based on these assumed similarities — similarities which we have now shown to provide an intentional illusion woven intermittently into the Qur'anic text. Hopefully, this exposure will go a long way to counter such methodologies, so that a Biblical missiological paradigm will be developed to reflect the reality, rather than the illusion. Come indicato in precedenza nel libro è stato fatto ed è in corso un grave danno alle missioni cristiane nel basarsi su apparenti caratteristiche comuni e sulle relative metodologie missiologiche fondate su queste presunte similitudini — similitudini che abbiamo poc'anzi dimostrato portare ad una deliberata illusione che serpeggia in maniera intermittente nel testo coranico. Nella migliore delle ipotesi questo smascheramento sarà efficace nel controbattere queste metodologie, in modo tale che un paradigma missiologico si sviluppi a rappresentazione della realtà, piuttosto che dell'illusione.

Hadith 45:17 (Hadith Al-Muwatta): "... *Una delle ultime cose che il messaggero di Allah, ... disse sono: 'Che Allah combatta gli ebrei e I cristiani. Essi usarono le tombe dei loro progetti come luoghi di prostrazione. Non coesisteranno due credo (religioni) nel paese degli arabi.*..."

Hadith 47:18 (un altro Hadith Al-Muwatta): "...*Due credo (religioni) non possono coesistere nella penisola araba*..."